

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MEXICO 12350 250035Z

64

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SNM-02 IGA-02 AID-05 EB-07 AGR-05

AGRE-00 DEAE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07 IO-13 JUSE-00 NSAE-00

TRSE-00 USIA-06 NSC-05 OES-06 OMB-01 /070 W

----- 121435

P 242350Z SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7623

INFO DEA HDQS WASHDC PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MEXICO 12350

EO 11652 : N/A

TAGS : SNAR, MX

SUBJ : EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR SDC/MOPSS

REF : FIELD TRIP BY NAU PROGRAM OFFICER

1. SUMMARY : MISSION REQUESTS EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR SIX AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR MOPSS VANS LOCATED IN CULIACAN PRESENTLY STAFFED BY SPECTRAL DATA CORPORATION (SDC) CONTRACTED TECHNICIANS. ADDITIONALLY, ONE TEN HORSE-POWER ENGINE FOR PUMPING WATER FROM DEEP WELL FOR HERBICIDE MIXING AT THE SAN JOSE ADVANCE BASE. EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE AIR SHIPPED TO MAZATLAN, STATE OF SINALOA. ENDSUMMARY.

2. DURING RECENT FIELD TRIP BY NAU PROGRAM OFFICER TO CULIACAN BASE TO FACILITATE PRELIMINARY INTRODUCTIONS OF SDC TECHNICAL TEAM CONSISTING OF TWELVE TECHNICIANS, WITH LOCAL AG REPS, OTHER AREAS OF ERADICATION RELATED ACTIVITY WERE LOOKED INTO AND DISCUSSED WITH APPROPRIATE GOM AND USG TECHNICIANS. FOUR AREAS WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING :

1) SOME TYPE OF PROVISIONAL STORAGE AREA FOR SPARE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MEXICO 12350 250035Z

PARTY SUPPLY IN CULIACAN; 2) WATER STORAGE TANK FOR

CHARGING CHEMICAL AND RINSING OFF SPRAY SHIPS AFTER EACH DAY OF OPERATIONS FOR CULIACAN BASE; 3) NEW AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR BOTH THE PHOTO-INTERPRETATION AND THE PHOTO LAB VANS MANNED BY MIX OF TWELVE US AND FIVE MEXICAN TECHNICIANS; AND 4) A NEW BRIGGS AND STRATTON TEN HORSEPOWER GAS POWERED ENGINE FOR PUMPING WATER FROM A DEEP WELL AT THE SAN JOSE BASE. THIS CABLE WILL ONLY ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS THREE (3) AND FOUR (4) AS OTHER TWO WERE RESOLVED THROUGH LOCAL PROCUREMENTS WITH PREVIOUSLY ALLOTTED FUNDS.

3. AIR CONDITIONING UNITS : THE PRIME JUSTIFICATION FOR THE SIX AIR CONDITIONING UNITS IS TO MAINTAIN TEMPERATURE CONTROL INSIDE THE VANS FOR DEVELOPING AND PROCESSING OF FILM MAGAZINES WHICH COULD OTHERWISE BE RUINED OR DAMAGED BY EXCESSIVE HEAT AND/OR HUMIDITY. ADDITIONALLY, THE VIEWERS AND VERSOMAT PROCESSORS GIVE OFF AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF HEAT WHICH WOULD MAKE THE VANS MOST UNCOMFORTABLE FOR THE LARGE NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS WHO WILL BE WORKING TWO SHIFTS WITH AN OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE OF 90 DEGREES. THE PRESENT AIR CONDITIONERS HAVE BEEN FUNCTIONING FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS AND SIMPLY ARE NOT DOING AN EFFECTIVE JOB OF COOLING THE VANS TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL. THE UNITS REQUIRED SHOULD BE HEAVY DUTY WINDOW MOUNTED TYPE WITH AT LEAST 18,000 BTU CAPACITY, 220 VOLTS, 60 CYCLES, WITH SUPPLY OF FILTERS (IF NOT THE WASHABLE TYPE). FYI: THE PRESENT UNITS ARE ALL WESTINGHOUSE MODELS; THREE CUSTOM HIGH CAPACITY AND THREE HEAVY DUTY MODEL ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS. FUNDING SHOULD BE CHARGED TO THE MOPSS SUPPORT ALLOTMENT UNDER THE TERMS OF 4 FEB 75 OR THE 9 AUG 76 LETTER OF AGREEMENT.

4. GASOLINE POWERED ENGINE: WASHINGTON GROUP MAY RECALL TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST OF BASES AND ALL INTERIOR FURNISHINGS WERE DISCUSSED BY WASHINGTON GROUP DURING TDY OF JULY, 1974. HOWEVER, AT THE TIME, AG REJECTED US FUNDING ASSISTANCE AND GOM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MEXICO 12350 250035Z

UNDERWROTE THE ENTIRE EXPENDITURE OF APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS US 270,000. AG ZONE COORDINATOR AGUILAR GARZA HAS REQUESTED THE REPLACEMENT OF GAS POWERED ENGINE FOR SAN JOSE BASE AS PRESENT UNIT, LOCALLY PROCURED, HAS PROVEN UNRELIABLE AND DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN. SAN JOSE IS PRESENTLY THE MOST CRITICAL BASE AS POPPY CROPS ABOUND IN THE AREAS JUST EAST AND WEST WITH SOME IN PETAL AND EARLY CAPSULE STAGE.

ZONE COORDINATORS BASE OFFICER RECOMMENDED BRIGGS AND STRATTON TEN HORSEPOWER (OR EQUAL) WITH ONE INCH SHAFT DIAMETER WITH DOUBLE EIGHT INCH PULLEY TO OPERATE PUMP TO DRAW DEEP WELL WATER. GIVEN THE CRITICAL ASPECT OF THE SITUATION AND IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ZONE COORDINATOR WHO WILL BE IN NORTHWEST ZONE UNTIL MAY, 1977, MISSION JUDGES USG SHOULD PROVIDE THE ENGINE ON A ONE-TIME BASIS. FUNDING IS COVERED IN THE TERMS OF THE 4 FEB 76 LETTER OF AGREEMENT UNDER MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.

5. ACTION REQUIRED: THAT WASHINGTON GROUP APPROVE THE ABOVE REQUEST AND EXPEDITE PROCUREMENT BY AIR-SHIPING DIRECT TO MAZATLAN. ADVISE.
THOMPSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EQUIPMENT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976MEXICO12350
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760361-1255
From: MEXICO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760923/aaaaatpb.tel
Line Count: 131
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 JUL 2004 by ellisoob>; APPROVED <29 OCT 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT FOR SDC/MOPSS
TAGS: SNAR, MX
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006